GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Virology Institutes
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government proposes to set up additional Virology Institutes across the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH
AND FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)
(a) & (b): The Department of Health Research launched a scheme titled "Establishment of a network of Laboratories for Managing Epidemics and Natural Calamities". The scheme was approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) and rolled out in Sept. 2013. There is a provision of setting up of Viral Research & Diagnostic Laboratories (VRDLs) in the State Government Medical Colleges to augment the response to the viral outbreaks. So far 82 VRDLs have been approved across the country.
In addition, the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has a network of permanent Institutes/ Regional Centers which are working on viruses. The Institutes are listed as under:
(i) National Institute of Virology, Pune & its Field Units at Gorakhpur, Allabpuzzha and Bengaluru
(ii) Enterovirus Research Centre, Mumbai
(iii) National Institute for Cholera& Enteric Diseases, Kolkata
(iv) Regional Medical Research Centre, Portblair
(v) Regional Medical Research Centre, Bhubaneshwar
(vi) Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh
(vii) National Institute for Research on Tribals, Jalalpur
(viii) Desert Medical Research Centre, Jodhpur

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